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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-79723, published March 24, 1998.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-257419, published September 21, 2001.
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-157780, published May 29, 1992.

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5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-185075, published June 28, 2002.
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